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## CIBOLA NATIONAL FOREST INCREASES FIRE RESTRICTIONS

**Albuquerque, April 18, 2006**– Beginning Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am, the Mt. Taylor, Mountainair, Magdalena, and Sandia Ranger Districts of the Cibola National Forest will be under increased fire restrictions. Forest Supervisor Nancy Rose explained, “Given the record temperatures and severely dry conditions, we have decided to increase our fire restrictions and not allow fires of any kind on portions of the Cibola National Forest.” As always, fireworks are prohibited on all national forest lands.

**Beginning 8:00 am, Thursday, April 20, 2006**, the following restrictions apply to the Mt. Taylor, Mountainair, Magdalena, and Sandia Ranger Districts:

- Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, charcoal broiler, coal or wood stove **are prohibited**. Pressurized liquid or gas stoves, lanterns and heaters meeting safety specifications are allowed.
- All personal use firewood cutting will **not** be allowed until further notice. Extensions will be granted to individuals with existing personal use permits. Personal use firewood cutting will recommence when weather conditions permit.
- All vehicles must remain on Forest roads.
- Smoking is prohibited, except within an enclosed vehicle or building.

Please call one of the following for more information: Mark Chavez, Cibola National Forest Supervisor’s Office at 505-346-3900 or one of the following district offices:

- Sandia Ranger District, 505-281-3304
- Mountainair Ranger District, 505-847-2990
- Magdalena Ranger District, 505-854-2281
- Mt. Taylor Ranger District, 505-287-883

Additional fire information for the Southwest Area is available at <http://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc/index.htm>.

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